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SUBJECT: TRIP TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK BY UCD INTER-
NATIONAL SECRETARY JAVIER RUPEREZ

VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE FOR CLIFT; NSC FOR HUNTER;
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1. WE WERE ADVISED SEPTEMBER 1 THAT PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ
INTENDS TO SEND UCD INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY JAVIER
RUPEREZ, ALSO ONE OF SUAREZ' PRINCIPAL FOREIGN POLICY
ADVISORS, TO THE US FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH USG
OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERTS IN
WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK. THE VISIT, WHICH IS SCHEDULED
TO TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 18-24, WOULD BE THE FIRST
OFFICIAL TRIP TO THE US BY A UCD PARTY LEADER, AND IT IS
MOTIVATED IN LARGE PART BY SUAREZ' CONCERN THAT PSOE AND
AP PARTY LEADERS HAVE LONG SINCE CARRIED ON SUCH HIGH-
LEVEL EXCHANGES. SUAREZ HAS SENT RUPEREZ ON SIMILAR
MISSIONS TO FRANCE, ITALY, BELGIUM, THE FRG, PORTUGAL,
SWEDEN, VENEZUELA, AND COLOMBIA, AS WELL AS TO NATO HEAD-
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QUARTERS. IN EACH COUNTRY RUPEREZ CONFERRED WITH EITHER
THE PRIME MINISTER OR THE FOREIGN MINISTER; AT NATO, HE
MET WITH LUNS AND GENERAL HAIG.

2. RUPEREZ, WHO IS UCD'S LEADING FOREIGN POLICY SPOKESMAN
AND CURRENTLY IS WRITING THE FOREIGN POLICY PLANK FOR THE
OCTOBER 19-21 UCD CONSTITUENT PARTY CONGRESS, DESIRES

TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS DURING HIS VISIT:

--SPANISH ENTRY INTO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND NATO
(THE LATTER AS A FOLLOW-UP TO HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH HAIG
AND LUNS);

--THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
US AND SPAIN;

--CSCE AND PROBLEMS OF DETENTE;

--MEDITERRANEAN SECURITY ISSUES; AND

--THE CURRENT SITUATION IN BOTH NORTH AFRICA AND LATIN
AMERICA.

3. LARGELY FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS, SUAREZ DESIRES
THAT RUPEREZ SPEAK, ALBEIT BRIEFLY, WITH VICE PRESIDENT
MONDALE, THE SECRETARY (OR DEPUTY SECRETARY) AND DR.
BRZEZINSKY, WITH SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS WITH UNDER SECRETARY
NEWSOM AND ASST. SECRETARY VEST IN THE DEPT, OASD/ISR
MCGIFFERT AND ROBERT HUNTER AT THE NSC AS WELL AS ON
THE HILL. WE WILL MAKE FURTHER SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS
WHEN THE VISIT IS CONFIRMED.

4. IN NEW YORK, WE SUGGEST THAT RUPEREZ MAKE A PRESENTA-
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TION AT THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS ON SPANISH
FOREIGN POLICY AND DOMESTIC POLITICS (RUPEREZ SPEAKS
ENGLISH). HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT USUN AND TALK
WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG. IN ADDITION, HE WOULD BE MOST
INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH A GROUP OF BUSINESSMEN AND
BANKERS, HOPEFULLY INCLUDING DAVID ROCKEFELLER. WE
ASSUME THAT AN EVENT AT THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL WOULD BE
ARRANGED FOR HIM.

5. ALTHOUGH RUPEREZ DID NOT SAY SO SPECIFICALLY, HE ALSO
WILL PROBABLY TRY TO ENCOURAGE SOME AMERICAN POLITICAL
LEADERS TO ATTEND UCD'S OCTOBER 19-21 CONGRESS IN MADRID.
(SUAREZ HAS INVITED SENATORS BYRD, KENNEDY, MCGOVERN AND
JAVITS TO ATTEND, BUT ONLY BYRD HAS RESPONDED
THUS FAR. WE HAVE EXPLAINED THAT THOSE DATES ARE
PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT FOR U.S. POLITICIANS BECAUSE OF
OUR UPCOMING ELECTION CAMPAIGN.) THE PSOE HAD WILLY
BRANDT AND ALMOST THE ENTIRE CONSTELLATION OF SOCIALIST
INTERNATIONAL STARS AT THEIR LAST CONGRESS IN DECEMBER
1976, AND UCD IS TRYING TO DO EQUALLY WELL FOR ITS CON-
STITUENT CONGRESS.

6. ALTHOUGH THE COST OF THE TRIP WILL BE BORNE COMPLETELY BY UCD, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPT TREAT THIS AS A VIP VISIT AND OFFER ALL FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE.

7. BECAUSE THIS VISIT IS BEING UNDERTAKEN ON SUAREZ' DIRECT INSTRUCTIONS AND IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO THE U.S. BY A UCD PARTY LEADER, WE URGE THAT DESPITE THE SHORT NOTICE, EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO RUPEREZ' REQUESTS. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST ACCEPTABILITY OF THESE DATES AND, IN PARTICULAR, WHETHER RUPEREZ COULD EXPECT TO BE RECEIVED BY THE TOP-LEVEL FIGURES WITH WHOM HE HAS REQUESTED A BRIEF MEETING. TODMAN

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